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SUBJ: US/KUWAIT SECURITY AGREEMENT

REF: A. KUWAIT 2778 301255Z JUN 75

B. DOD REP LTS DTD 20 SEP 74 (NOTAL)

1. CHARGE AND COL COX MET 7 JUL 75 WITH KUWAIT MINDEF SHAIKH SA'AD RE: PROPOSED SECDEF/MINDEF AGREEMENT FOR PROTECTION OF US CLASSIFIED INFORMATION. SHAIKH SA'AD EXPRESSED CONCERN RE: LANGUAGE IN PROPOSED AGREEMENT WHICH WOULD DENY TO NON-KUWAITIS SERVING IN KAF ACCESS TO CLASSIFIED INFORMATION, NOTING GOK DEPENDED HEAVILY ON BRITISH, EGYPTIAN AND OTHER FOREIGN PERSONNEL. HE ALSO NOTED APPARENT AMBIGUITY IN COVERING LETTER SIGNED BY SECDEF SCHLESINGER, WHICH HE INTERPRETED TO MEAN THAT AMIR COULD AUTHORIZE DISCLOSURE OF SUCH INFO TO THIRD-COUNTRY NATIONALS IN WHOM HE HAD CONFIDENCE AS ADVISORS.

2. MINDEF ALSO EXPRESSED SOME RESERVATIONS RE PARA (XII) PROPOSED AGREEMENT WHICH CALLS FOR US INSPECTION GOK SECURITY PROCEDURES. HE SAID HE NO OBJECTION TO JOINT ISG/GOK CONSULTATION AND INSPECTION OF KUWAITI SECURITY MEASURES AND FACILITIES, BUT BELIEVED LANGUAGE IN PARA (XII) UNCLEAR. HE STRESSED NEED FOR CLEAR ASSURANCES THAT SUCH INSPECTIONS WOULD ONLY BE CONDUCTED WITH THE PRIOR APPROVAL OF GOK.

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3. IN MAKING PRESENTATION, MINDEF READ FROM COMMUNICATION

ADDRESSED TO HIM FROM THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS. HE SAID HE WOULD, WITHIN NEXT SEVERAL DAYS, SEND TO EMBASSY, IN WRITING, SPECIFIC COMMENTARY AND REQUESTS FOR CLARIFICATION RE ABOVE POINTS. UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES, WE DID NOT ATTEMPT PROVIDE SUBSTANTIVE RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS RAISED BY MINISTER, BUT EXPRESSED HOPE THAT VIEWS CONVEYED TO EMBASSY WOULD BE AS SPECIFIC AS POSSIBLE AND INCLUDE EXPOSITION OF PROBLEMS CREATED BOR GOK BY PROPOSED LANGUAGE.

4. COMMENT: WE SUSPECT THAT PROBLEM DESCRIBED PARA (2) ABOVE CAN BE SOLVED IN MANNER SATISFACTORY TO GOK. MORE BASIC PROBLEM DESCRIBED IN PARA (1) WILL BE MORE DIFFICULT TO HANDLE AND COULD BECOME CONTENTIOUS ISSUE. SHAIKH SA'AD CLEARLY EXPECTS TO RECEIVE AUTHORITY TO DISCLOSE CLASSIFIED INFORMATION FROM US TO EGYPTIAN AND OTHER ADVISORS. OUR FAILURE TO AUTHORIZE SUCH DISCLOSURE (I.E. IN CONNECTION WITH IHAWK PROGRAM) WILL NOT BE RECEIVED WELL BY GOK. LOCALLY, PROBLEM OF CLEARANCES FOR THIRD-COUNTRY NATIONALS WAS RECOGNIZED LAST YEAR AND REPORTED BY REF B (ADDRESSED TO SECDEF). END COMMENT.
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